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The present invention relates to a utilization method and system within a communication network comprising at least one service provider (36; 38) and at least one service consumer (32). In particular, the invention relates to a license contract validation method and system for web services during runtime. At least one parameter (CEP, CFP) is provided to define, if and how many meter event requests associated with service requests may be stored in a cache memory (70). The parameter (CEP, CFP) is predefined and may be contained in the license contract, for example. Further, a counter may be provided for counting the service requests. The actual status of the counter is sent to the service consumer (32) and/or the service provider (36; 38).

(Fig. 1)